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A TELEGRAM from our Peking correspondent a few days ago, reporting the progress which is being made in settling claims for damage caused to foreign property by the rioters at Changsha, last April, incidentally mentioned that the China Inland Mission had refused to accept compensation for the destruction of its property in that city. There can, of course, be no question as to the title of the China Inland Mission to compensation, and the general body of the Mission's supporters will await with more than ordinary interest the publication of an official statement of the reasons which influenced the managing body to decline the proffered indemnity. It is not the first time, we believe, that a Missionary body in China has declined to receive from the governing authorities monetary compensation to which it was admittedly entitled, but whatever justification may have existed in the previous cases for the refusal, we are inclined to think it a very much mistaken action in the case now under consideration, for the payment of an indemnity seems to be the only practical and substantial atonement which is to be made for the riots. No official is losing his head. Two district magistrates were degraded by Imperial Edict, but within a couple of months both were appointed to positions in the public

service superior to those they had previously held. If every foreign resident and corporation who suffered by the riots followed the example of the China Inland Mission, the people of Changsha would naturally assume that these hostile demonstrations against the presence of foreigners in the city may be indulged with impunity. We do not, however, think we should be justified in assuming the decision of the governing body of the Mission to have been dictated by any such consideration as obedience to the injunction to turn the other cheek to the smiter. In an article contributed by a Changsha missionary recently to a Shanghai contemporary the punishment of guilty officials was strongly advocated in preference to punishment merely by the exaction of an indemnity from the people at large. Certainly, experience has shown the efficacy of the execution method in China, but we do not know of any warrant for the statement that the exaction of an indemnity is "the one thing which will render future rioting almost certain." If this is the view generally taken of the matter among missionaries in the district, we can understand the action of the governing body of the China Inland Mission. It is objected that the imposition of a tax to pay such an indemnity is essentially unjust, since it punishes those who are innocent. That may be largely true in many cases, but we hesitate to accept the view that the imposition of an indemnity tax in such circumstances is more likely to lead to renewed rioting than to serve as an insurance against a recurrence of such troubles. Be that as it may, we entirely share the view that the punishment in this instance should have fallen more heavily on the officials. It has been abundantly clear that the men at the bottom of the April riots, and indeed of all previous trouble at Changsha which has made the Treaty opening that port a dead letter, have been the officials, and it is much to be regretted that in the settlement of this latest trouble they have been allowed to escape so lightly.

One of the godowns of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire in Pootung, Shanghai, was discovered to be on fire on Tuesday last, but with the local appliances and the assistance of that firm's fire-fight, the blaze was confined to its place of origin, although, says a Shanghai contemporary, half of the godown and its contents were destroyed before the progress of the destroying element could be stayed. The damage, which is considerable, is reported to be well covered by insurance.

William Carter, a sick berth steward in the Royal Naval Dockyard, informs the police that on Sunday evening about eight o'clock when he was walking along the path to St. John's Cathedral in the company of a friend named Curtis, he was accosted by a Chinese woman who said something to him in Chinese which he did not understand and afterwards snatched from his jacket pocket an open-faced silver lever watch valued \$20 and a silver chain valued at three dollars.

The Saigon Opinion says that two competitors are in the running for the French Far East mail services under the new contract which begins from July 22, 1912. The Messageries Maritimes have tendered for renewal of their existing contract under revised conditions. Three French shipping companies at Marseilles have syndicated with another company to send in rival tenders. The syndicate will be content with lower subsidies and offers the Government a share in the profits.

Acheen has, from of old, been famed as a gold-bearing land, and dreamers in Holland have fancied that nationalising the mines there would bring in a large revenue to government. The mining department has for a long time been hard at work prospecting with only disappointing results. Many districts, especially in the north-east section, show signs of the precious metal, but it will not pay to work the deposits by up-to-date methods. Some natives wash for gold on the river banks, but even for them it is a very precarious mode of living.

An interesting Star Ferry prosecution was heard at the Magistracy yesterday, when three Indians were charged with travelling second class on the ferry when they had only paid third class fares. It was stated that they bought third class tickets and went to the second class seats on board the launch. The collector asked them to pay the difference, which they refused and they also declined to move out of the seats. After hearing the evidence, Mr. E. H. Halifax imposed a fine of \$5 on each. Mr. Robinson, of the Ferry Company, appeared to prosecute.

On the 19th July the Kwang Sang perfumery shop in Des Vœux Road, Hongkong, lost a case of Bergamot oil, which is valued at \$47 a case, and on Saturday last a man entered the shop with a small bottle containing some of this oil and asked the price of it. He was told to be gone, and when he left he was followed by two folks who traced him to a Chinese theatre, where he was seen speaking to another man. The defendant was arrested, and explained that he obtained the oil from a marine hawker, who in turn said that he got it from a fisherman, who asserted that he had fished it out of the water.

An unsatisfactory state of affairs is brought to light by a fire which occurred at Shanghai Street, Yaumati, in the early hours of yesterday morning. The brigade was called out and succeeded in confining the flames to the ground floor, which was gutted. The fire brigade, with its headquarters at Yaumati, consists, we are informed, of two Europeans and two Chinese. In view of the great amount of property on that side of the water, the provision to cope with outbreaks of fire seems most inadequate, and attention should be directed to the matter in order that improvements may be effected.

Mr. Julian Arnold, U.S. Consul at Amoy, returned to Shanghai on Monday last from a journey up the Yangtze to Chungking and the Tibe, and proceeded next day to his post at Amoy. On his journey Mr. Arnold was accompanied by Prof. Ross of the University of Wisconsin.

H.E. the Taotai of Shanghai last week issued a proclamation denouncing the rumours in circulation suggesting that the Yu Su Government Bank and the Yu Ning Exchange Bank were likely to fail. The Taotai, on behalf of the Government, guarantees the notes of these banks.

Professor L. H. Bowring, of the Government College, Chengtu, has been drowned while descending the little river Min between Changtu (Czechuan) and Kiating. The circumstances are regarded as somewhat suspicious and an investigation has been ordered by the Viceroy. Professor Bowring was a native of Wisconsin. The body has been recovered and buried at Kiating.

A seven-year-old girl who stole from her mistress thirty dollars and a pair of bangles was brought before the Magistrate yesterday charged with the theft. She pleaded guilty, but in recognition of her tender years she was dismissed with a caution, and the woman who was charged with receiving the stolen money and bangles was discharged, there being no corroboration of the girl's evidence.

Another echo of the Cowtan affair was heard yesterday in Hongkong. A man, suspected of piracy, was arrested at West Point on Sunday, with two of his women folk, and was lodged in the cells there. When the police visited the cell yesterday morning they discovered that the man had cut a piece from his pants which he had utilised to hang himself. He was dead when found by the police.

A Chinese has been arrested in Hongkong in connection with the disappearance of jewellery to the value of \$300 from the dressing room in the Victoria Cinematograph. The jewellery belonged to Miss Hailes, and the theft took place in January last. The defendant was arrested in a pawnbroker's shop, where he presented a ticket for the redemption of some of the stolen jewellery.

TELEGRAMS.

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FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."

WORK FOR CENSORS.

PEKING, August 8th.
Prince Kung proposes to despatch censors to the different provinces to make secret inquiries into the characters of the officials concerned in stopping the opium smoking habit.

CHINESE IMPERIAL BANK
EXTENSION.

PEKING, August 8th.
Certain officials have brought forward a proposal to extend the business of the Ta Ching Government Bank to all the principal cities of the Empire.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS"]A BRITISH MILITARY
SENSATION.

LONDON, August 8th.
Lieutenant Sutor, R.G.A., stationed at Tynemouth, has been arrested in connection with the publication of a pamphlet which has stirred military circles considerably, called "Army System, or why we muddle through millions yearly during peace."

The publication of the pamphlet involves a Court-Martial, which Lieutenant Sutor himself desires.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF
GERMANY.

LONDON, August 8th.
His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany will not be accompanied by the Princess on his visit to India, China and Japan.

The Prince will not be travelling incognito.

CAPTAIN BROWNREIGG.

LONDON, August 8th.
His Majesty the King has received Captain Sir Douglas Brownrigg on his appointment as Naval Attaché to the British Legation in Tokyo.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE
EXHIBITION.

LONDON, August 8th.
Their Majesties the King and Queen, and H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught paid a surprise visit to the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition and made a thorough inspection of the exhibits.

FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

SURRENDER OF THE REBEL LEADERS.

LONDON, August 8th.
Reuter's Correspondent at Teheran reports fighting at the capital owing to the refusal of the Fedai warriors to surrender their arms in accordance with a Government proclamation.

After a bombardment with quick-fires and field guns the Fedais, with their leaders, Satar Khan and Baghir Khan, surrendered.

THE SALE OF GERMAN
WARSIPS.

LONDON, August 8th.
The sale to Turkey of the German battleships "Kurfuerst," "Friedrich Wilhelm," and "Weissenburg" has been completed, the price being £200,000 sterling.

The substitutes will be begun in 1911 and 1912.

The spirit of enterprise is, says an exchange, so feeble in Indo-China that the cultivation of pine apples to be tinned for exportation has never yet been taken in hand despite advantages in soil and climate. About one million cases of preserved pineapples are imported into France yearly of late, and such imports from French colonies have preferential tariff treatment; yet planters in the colony fail to appreciate the advantage.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, August 8th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT
(CHIEF JUSTICE).

TRIAL OF PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

Before his Honour the Chief Justice and a jury the trial of a partnership issue was brought in the action between Tang Wong Shi and Lai Chi Chin and the Choong Hing Steamship Co. The issue was to decide as to whether Lai Chi Chin was on the 4th and 10th days of January, 1903, or on either of such days, a partner in the Choong Hing Steamship Co., lately carrying on business in this Colony, or liable as a partner in such company or firm.

The jury empanelled was composed of Messrs. H. F. Hickman (foreman), J. Maxwell, C. Cooke, J. H. Barr, H. T. Palmer, G. C. Crickshank and H. Tillman.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morell), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Hinds (of Messrs. Bruton & Hett), represented the defendant.

Mr. Potter informed the Court and jury that there was an action brought by the plaintiff against the defendant and against the Choong Hing Steamship Co. to recover a sum of \$5,265, and the one issue the jury had to try was whether the defendant from the A. Dai firm at the end of 1903, and one month's wages as damages for leaving the A. Dai firm's employment without notice.

Mr. Balfour Johnson (of Messrs. Denys & Bowley) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Christopher Wilson (of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings).

Mr. Johnson stated that the action was to recover \$220,64, which was the actual amount standing in the books of the firm as being overdrawn for a considerable number of years. The amount was brought forward from year to year and when Mr. Seth was appointed receiver it was brought to his notice that the fokis had overdrawn their accounts. He decided to reduce their salaries, and to place the reduction to the credit of the overdraft.

His Lordship—How are you going to prove your case?

Mr. Johnson—I shall call the accountant and put in the books, and Mr. Seth will also give evidence.

Mr. Wilson thought it would shorten the case if he foreshadowed his defence. At the end of the year 1903-1909 it was admitted that there was a sum of \$232,64 due from the defendant as an overdraft, but the managing partner of the firm, in consideration of having had a very prosperous year, waived that amount and paid the defendant \$70.

His Lordship—The whole thing was cancelled?

Mr. Wilson—Yes.

Mr. Wilson—The defence is that the partner wiped the amount out.

Mr. Wilson—He had a perfect right to do so.

His Lordship—But it has been carried over in the books.

Mr. Johnson—Yes.

His Lordship—To Mr. Wilson—You will have to explain why it has not been struck out of the books.

Mr. Wilson said he would call witnesses. The case stands part heard.

CENTRAL ASIAN EXPLORATION.

Mr. Suzuki Tachibana, the young Japanese explorer who in March last completed a journey of over 5,000 miles across Central Asia, is about to embark on another expedition. Reuter's Agency is informed. The new project has for its purpose further research and exploration among the ancient sites of Central Asia. The expenses of this journey, as of the explorer's former expedition, are being borne by Count Otani, Head Abbot of the Shishu sect of Buddhists, who is deeply interested in the matter of archaeological research.

At present the Japanese explorer is obtaining special permission from the Russian Government to conduct the desired researches in Western Siberia, and as soon as this is obtained he will leave England, probably at the beginning of August. Travelling direct to Omsk, on the Trans-Siberian Railway, he will proceed by river steamer to Semipalatinsk, and from that place by caravan to Chuguchak in Chinese Turkistan, which will be the starting-point of his expedition. From Chuguchak the journey will be continued to Urumchi, the provincial capital of Chinese Turkistan, and from that place the explorer will proceed south-east to Turfan, where he will thoroughly excavate and explore the well-preserved but ancient ruins which he visited on his last journey. In the middle of October Mr. Tachibana will leave for Lobnor, and will again continue the work commenced during his last journey. On the completion of this portion of the work he will continue his march to Yarkand through Khotan. To the south-west of Yarkand he will investigate the supposed ancient sites which exist in the neighbourhood. After making a return journey to Turfan he will continue his journey to the Yellow River. Whether he will adopt the northern route by way of Hami or the southern route will depend on the season. On this part of the journey Mr. Tachibana will cross a good deal of entirely unknown country. He expects to reach Peking at the end of his journey in about twelve months.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report—

On the 8th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has risen slightly in Shanghai, and fallen moderately over the Loochoo.

The depression, which is now situated over the Eastern Sea, is progressing slowly Eastwards.

The area of high pressure still extends over N.E. Japan from the Pacific.

Fresh variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and moderate W. and S.W. winds along the S. coast of China.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows—

W. and S.W. Hongkong & Neighbourhood (fair).

Fair.

W. and variable Formosa Channel ... (winds; fresh).

Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Iamock.

Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan.

Same as No. 1. Hongkong and Hainan.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The two new *Wair* steamers, *Lucifer* and *Orteric*, of about 11,000 tons, fitted with luxurious passenger accommodation and wireless telegraphy apparatus, are expected to leave the Clyde shortly for the Orient to engage in trans Pacific trades for the *Wair* Company.

The British steamer *Nairn*, which was reported on July 7 to have been in collision with the P. and O. steamer *Malva*, about 23 miles off Colombo, has arrived at Calcutta with her bows stove in, stem smashed, and plates damaged. It is stated that the vessel must go into dock to be surveyed and repaired. The *Nairn* belongs to the Park Steamship Company, and is a vessel of 3,627 tons, built in 1904, and valued at £25,000. Only slight damage was sustained by the *Malva*.

The *Taku Bar*, says an exchange, would soon be able to hold its own against most ports for the rapid discharging of cargo. The other day, the Hamburg America liner *Sezvora*, with 1,200 tons railway material and general cargo, was unhooked in the short time of sixteen working hours.

The recent fog in northern waters has proved most disastrous, no fewer than three Japanese steamers coming to grief. The third victim was the *Yakuji Maru*, which went aground near the entrance to the harbour at Port Arthur. The passengers and cargo were landed, and the vessel, which appears to have sustained little damage, was subsequently refloated.

The British steamer *Ailsa Craig* has been sold through Messrs. A. Drowell & Co. of Kobe to Mr. Inui, of Hiogo, and is now known as the *Kenton Maru* No. 3. Having recently been decked and surveyed she was transferred to the Japanese flag. The *Japan Gazette* understands that the P. and O. steamer *Jave* (2,632 tons), has been sold to Mr. Hanada, of Osaka, the transaction being effected through Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The vessel will be transferred to the Japanese flag immediately. Another contemporary says this rush for the purchase of steamers is, of course, due to the new tariff which will go into force in July next year.

A report states that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is to improve its trans Pacific service by building two new vessels to cost \$3,000,000 each. They will be of the most modern type and as luxurious as any steamship on the Atlantic. The new boats will be modelled after the steamship *George Washington*, of the North German Lloyd line, which is said to be the best type of architectural magnificence afloat. The new steamers are to be 650 ft. in length, with a 70 ft. beam and a maximum draught of 33 ft. They are to have 48,000 tons displacement, a dead tonnage weight of 8,000 and combined space measurement and tonnage of 22,000. There will be ample quarters for 500 cabin passengers, 150 second class passengers and 700 in the steerage.

The Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association, in accordance with the request of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, has made a special study of the "Declaration of London of 1909" and issued its findings in a printed report. The shipowners are in favour of the adoption of the Declaration. They review in detail its provisions, and compare them with the practice hitherto existing. The code, they remark, had to reconcile widely conflicting practices, and they regard Articles 33 and 34, dealing with contraband, as being fair and equitable. They dissent absolutely from the view that Great Britain will gain nothing under the code, and also from the assumption that in time of war we must look to neutral tonnage to maintain our food supplies. Our safety, they declare, depends on our being able to keep at sea not only our fighting ships, but also our merchant ships. If our trade routes cannot be adequately defended by our Navy, then the nation must assume the financial risks to which our merchant ships would be exposed, for we must keep them at sea. A war which would drive our mercantile flag from the sea and transfer our carrying trade to neutral ships would leave us in a state of hopeless bankruptcy. Discussing the question what neutral shipping will gain under the code, the Association declares that it will be of enormous advantage to have a definite code in place of the present uncertainty. Now each nation on entering on a war can make its own rules as to what it will regard as contraband goods. Nations not at war may protest, but the rights of neutrals are, under present conditions, determined by prize courts of the nation making the declaration. The Association therefore reaffirms its resolution passed in April last year declaring that the new rules should prove of advantage to neutral shipping, inasmuch as while fully upholding the rights of belligerents, they establish a code to take the place of indefinite usages which hitherto have given rise to doubt and uncertainty.

Liverpool, says a London contemporary, evidently has no intention of allowing Southampton to have things all its own way. That is made clear by the approval given by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to a proposal to construct a new dock, 1,020 ft. long, with an entrance 120 ft. in width. The figures suggest a fair margin for developments, as the biggest ship at the moment in contemplation is the new German liner, which is to be 876 ft. long, with a beam of 95 ft. Apparently a vessel 876 ft. in length would have room in an existing basin in the Mersey if she could pass into one of the dock entrances, but no further. Rather than attempt expensive alterations, the decision of the Liverpool authority is to build a new dock, which will also be available for dry-docking—a point of no small beginning to copy it from Europe.

THE COMPLETE RUBBER PROSPECTUS.

Everyone remarks the *N.C. Daily News* can tell, at least to his own satisfaction, the point at which things are said to go beyond a joke. But very far beyond that point another is reached at which men begin to realize that a joke is the only possible solution of an otherwise intolerable situation. It may be in obedience to the principle, or from a belated desire to tell the plain truth that the directors of

THE SIMPLE CHIMON BURKET-SCHOP ROBBERT INVESTMENT TRUST CORPORATION, LTD.

have brought out their prospectus a copy of which, published in *The Eta*, has kindly been sent to us.

The capital of this promising enterprise is left blank. "Amount not yet decided upon" says the prospectus. "All depends upon number of shares applied for." A further note informs us that "Vendors will take the Cash subscribed and the Public the Shares." Among the directors may be mentioned Sir W. W. Westcott, Chairman of a Corporation; and Mr. Fredy Fysho, Director of the Rubber Sole Company. The bankers are Messrs. Overdrift & Co., Ltd. (with the accent on the Limited), and the legal advisers Messrs. Truston, Noti & Co. "This Company," it is explained, "has been formed (*inter alios*) for the purpose primarily of exploiting the inhabitants of the Banting Kingdom and securing" their money before Lloyd George does.

Coming now to some details concerning the estate we are told that:

"It is proposed, if thought fit, to acquire a concession of land in the centre of Africa from the Kings of Borroh-Boroh and Karri-Ovah.

"The concession will be placed in the Rubber Zone, which is important, as it has recently been laid down by a Rubber Expert (there are a lot about) that the Zone is an important factor. The Kings of Borroh-Boroh and Karri-Ovah state that their concession can be stretched to fit the Zone, or vice versa.

"In addition to the above concession, the

Directors have secured an option over all the plants of the Ficus Elastica variety now growing or about to be grown, in tube, barrels, pots or other utensils in all the Furnished Apartments in the Banting Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, Herm, Jethou, the Isle of Man and Lundy Island, inclusive. It is estimated that these trees, plants, or shrubs, if felled simultaneously at one blow, would produce enough Rubber to render the streets of London impassable, but it will not be done all at once.

The questions of title and soil are dealt with no less straightforwardly. Of the latter it is said that "the soil is a rich friable loam, and owing to its richness can be ploughed without fat; this is an advantage, as all the fat has been will be taken by the Vendors."

As regards cost of production the prospectus becomes somewhat technical; it may be sufficient to quote with reference to tapping that "only the best nickel taps are used, the wooden ones get swelled heads." No estate, of course, is complete without by-products; and prospective investors will therefore be glad to learn that the concession contains indications of oil, but the Directors do not yet know whether it may not be due to someone having overturned the lamp.

Transport is another highly important consideration, and nothing could be more satisfactory than the prospects of the Simplex Ceimon in this respect. "The position of the African Concession in the centre of the continent makes it a short walk to either ocean. Some years ago H. M. Stanley walked right across and the track has since been improved with cinders. As regards the home-grown Rubber, Carter Paterson will do what is required."

For the rest we cannot do better than quote the prospectus in full:

ESTIMATED PROFITS.

No prospectus is complete without a table of these. The Vendors estimate the profits as under:

Two ways before issue of:

Prospectus...500 per cent. premium.

One day before issue of:

Prospectus...600 "

After allotment...700 "

Spec. estimate t...800 per cent. discount.

UNPAID DIVIDENDS.

The Directors will underwrite the whole of the capital for 5 per cent., and if they can get anything else they will write on the back and when the money comes in they will be right in front.

Applications should be made on the accompanying form and sent to the Chairman, with a cheque for the amount applied for. Do not forget the cheque.

ALLOTMENT.

The Directors will proceed to allotment as fast as the applications come in and will keep on until all applications are made.

A special allotment will be made by the Vendors and Directors among themselves.

The Company will then go into liquidation.

It remains to mention that "the subscription list will remain open until the whole of the Ming Family are in the net." We shall now wait with interest for the usual Statutory Meeting in order to read the Chairman's speech, which, we may be sure, will be quite enough to convince all shareholders of the needlessness of asking any questions.

LORD KITCHENER.

NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

The country will learn with astonishment, says the Express, that Lord Kitchener is no longer a member of the Imperial Defence Committee.

The fact leaked out in the House of Commons while Mr. Asquith was being questioned regarding the constitution of the committee, and had explained that Lord Fisher and Sir Ian Hamilton had been added to it since April last.

Is Lord Kitchener still a member of the Defence Committee? asked Mr. Arthur Lee.

"No, sir," replied the Prime Minister.

"Is Lord Fisher?" asked Mr. Gibson Wiles.

"Yes," said the Prime Minister.

Lord Kitchener was appointed a member when he was nominated to the Mediterranean command last year.

It is remarkable that Lord Fisher, who is retired, remains on the committee, while Lord Kitchener, on whom the country looks as its greatest asset in the Army to-day, disappears.

Was Lord Kitchener removed or did he resign?

If he resigned he must have had many strong reasons for the step. If he did not resign the country will want to know why he was dismissed.

The members of the Imperial Defence Committee are nominated by the Prime Minister.

The present constitution is as follows:

Mr. Asquith Rear-Admiral Bethell
Sir Edward Grey Sir W. G. Nicholson
Lord Crewe Major-General Ewart
Mr. Churchill Lord Esher
Mr. Lloyd George Lord Fisher
Mr. Haldane Sir Ian Hamilton
Mr. McKenna Sir John French
Sir A. K. Wilson (First Sea Lord)

AN INTERESTING SHIPPING QUESTION.

In H.B.M.'s Supreme Court at Shanghai, last week, Sir Havilland de Saumarez, the Judge decided the case of the *ss Tai Ning v. ss Da Sing*, which is recognised as one of the highest importance to the shipping community.

This action has been before the court for a considerable time, and the present phase dealt with the limitation of liability. Mr. J. H. Hays and Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper appeared for the *Tai Ning*, and Mr. Loftus E. P. Jones for the *Da Sing*.

His Lordship delivered judgment in the following terms:

In this action for limitation of liability in effect two defenses have been raised, that the *Tai Ning* is not a British ship so as to be entitled to limit her liability and that the conditions of the Merchant Shipping Act have been so violated that I ought to hold that the loss was occasioned with *actual fault or privity* of the owners. The *Tai Ning* is the property of a Company registered in Hongkong under the Ordinance of that Colony and she has been granted registration as a British ship in the Registry at Shanghai which is established by Order in Council. It has appeared in evidence that the *Tai Ning* has been registered (*inter alios*) for the purpose primarily of exploiting the inhabitants of the Banting Kingdom and securing their money before Lloyd George does.

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one only out of three defences on which they have fought this action, that I cannot award them costs.

Mr. Hays made an application for leave to appeal.

His Lordship fixed the security at £250 with £100 for making up the record.

CHILDLIKE AND BLAND.

Somebody said paradoxically that the Chinese are the most progressive of all races, because they sit still and wait for things to come round full circle. Something of the sort is suggested by the Chinese paintings now on view in the Print Gallery of the British Museum. They suggest the disconcerting thought that the art of Europe with its movements and revivals, its war or peace, its movements and revivals, its impressionism, naturalism, and what not, has been going round—and back to the point where China sits and smiles. From the fourth to the nineteenth century China has not even "rolled her tub." The story out of *Lucian* is worth quoting: "When the Corinthians heard that Philip was going to attack them, they were all alarmed, and fell to work, some brushing up their arms, others bringing stones to prop up their walls, and defend their bulwarks, every one, in short, lending a hand. Diogenes, observing this, and having nothing to do (for nobody employed him), tucked up his robe, and with all his might rolled his tub which he lived in up and down the *Cranium*. 'What are you about?' said one of his friends. 'Rolling my tub,' replied he, 'that whilst everybody is busy around me I may not be the only idle person in the kingdom.' Whether or not Europe has been merely rolling its tub in the kingdom of art—with some very splendid results, *bien entendu*—it is remarkable that European artists at this moment are aiming at what Chinese artists were doing in the fourth century. To quote Mr. Laurence Binyon's introduction to the catalogue of the exhibition: "Suggestion is sought as having more power on the imagination, as more stimulating, than the full realisation of a scene. Empty spaces are given their full value in design. Not to render the external aspect, but the animated spirit, the character, the genius of things, is the artist's aim. Rhythmic beauty is the highest essential quality in a work of art."

That is so reasonable a statement of what pictorial art, Eastern or Western, ought to be that there is consolation in the next paragraph. "In spite of all differences, however, the essential affinity between the finest of these paintings and the finest Western art manifest." What overcomes Ruskin may have made, it should be observed that he did put up a good fight against the "charivariists"—the men beguiled by the joy of making things stick out of the canvas by means of light and shade. It is probable that if the finest Western art were sifted, the works of any period, that would remain as unmistakably "of the centre" would be those in which "the avoidance of any strong suggestion of relief, and the ignoring of cast shadows, are part of these deliberate preferences." Or to quote, with slight alteration, Dr. v. Seidlitz in his work on "Japanese Colour Prints" they would be works that "deliberately forego all means of producing an immediate illusion" that "know nothing of the third dimension, but confine themselves to decorative effects in one plane." So that, in spite of all differences, however, the essential affinity between the finest of these paintings and the finest Western art manifest.

Will now deal with the Rules and Regulations of 1898. Rules 1 and 2 seem at first to be inconsistent. After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that Rule 1 is declaratory, or, to put it otherwise, in the nature of a preamble. Under it the inland waters are open to trade, and two conditions are imposed: the vessels engaged on that trade are not to ply outside China for obvious fiscal and possibly political reasons; they must specially register and they must obey the "following regulations." The heading "A. Registration" should have followed Rule 1 and not Rule 2. Rule 1 clearly covers the inland waters, and is as I have already described.

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How much of the lesson Europe has learnt from recent acquaintance with the art of China and Japan it is impossible to say. Certainly, on entering the Print Gallery of the British Museum, you are conscious of the smile of Asia, the smile that is childlike and bland, the smile of the person who does not even trouble to say "I told you so." As you look round the walls, too, apart from the startling similarity between the subject matter of the pictures and those of the Western world—there are Nativities, and Visits of the Magi and Madonnas, both Byzantine and primitive Italian—you are struck by similarity of treatment. You can pick out individual artists for comparison. The unknown painter of the Ming dynasty who made "The Earth Paradise" on Screen I was obviously the Chinese Botticelli. There can be no doubt that the crowded "Paradise of the West" of the seventh century was the work of a Chinese Giotto. But it would be a mistake to hinder enjoyment by any sort of ingenuity. The pictures are there in their beauty, and they are completely described and explained in the catalogue. Moreover, if you want a permanent record of any of the pictures, Mr. Lumley Cator, of 64, Upper Berkeley-street, has been granted special permission and facilities for reproducing them by means of photography. C. M. in the *Evening Standard*.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

RECEPTION IN BERLIN.

It is officially announced that in communicating the text of the Russo-Japanese Agreement to the German Government the Russian and Japanese Ambassadors in Berlin remarked that the new treaty formed a supplement to the Russo-Japanese Agreement of 1907 and constituted a further surety for the maintenance of the *status quo* and of peace in the Far East. It was further pointed out "that the principle of the open door remained intact." In thanking the two Ambassadors for their communications Baron von Schoen "expressed the expectation that the principle of the open door, which was of importance to Germany in the prosecution of her economic efforts in the Far East, would be maintained."

The official publication of the Agreement has produced a fresh flood of Press opinions, but they add little to what was said when *The Times* published a summary of the Agreement. It is clear, says the Berlin correspondent of *The Times*, that German interest in the Agreement consists chiefly in the effect which it may have upon American relations with the other Powers, and in the effect which it may have upon Russia's freedom of movement in Europe. It is equally clear that German writers could not foresee, and still cannot gauge, either American or English opinion on the Agreement. Some writers find it difficult to decide whether English expressions of approval spring from cunning or only from folly. Others, finding that England does not resent the Agreement, say that England, inspired by this sudden suggestion, is not likely to do justice to this book in review. To praise it would be impudent. The quiet strength, suave purpose, polite humanity, and intellectual force of each contributor are profoundly and impressively displayed in a work that is certainly unique. We understand, after reading, as we never understood before, why Japan beat Russia.

Nevertheless our appetite is whetted for more, especially about the future of Japan. Is it true that the inroads of luxury have begun to weaken the teachings of Bushido, or that resort to the meat diet is altering the habits and changing the outlook of the Samurai? One of the contributors quoted Kipling's *hakkyoku* line, but nevertheless the East and the West are brought together by the self-revelation of this remarkable book.

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No claims will be recognized after the said 8th day of September, 1910. Dated the 8th day of August, 1910. J. HENNESSEY SETH, Receiver, No. 4, Ice House Street, Hongkong.

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Goods not cleared by the 13th inst., at 6 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godown, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 19th inst. No Claims will be admitted after goods have left the godown, nor will they be recognized if not presented within 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

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Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be received.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, crushed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This Steamer brings on Cargo: Ex. a. "Sneek" from Sotham.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

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THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARELY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, HOTEL MANSIONS, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), the 9th August, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of Directors, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th July to 9th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 9th August, 1910. [925]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARELY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of August, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1910.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 8th August to SATURDAY, the 20th August, 1910 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, N. J. STABE, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 3rd August, 1910. [897]

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NOTICE.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of No. 104, of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this Day Declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half-year ended 30th June, 1910, of TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company on and after MONDAY, 15th inst.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 13th inst., 1910, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong, 1st August, 1910. [894]

STATE OF NORTH BORNEO.

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Tenders will be received at the Office of the Government Secretary, Sandakan, up to 12 o'clock NOON, on the 1st day of OCTOBER, 1910, for the purchase of the exclusive privileges of the Farms enumerated below for a period of 1, 2 or 3 years, commencing on the 1st JANUARY, 1911.

The Farms above referred to are the OPIUM, SPIRIT, GAMBLING, and POKER-BOADING FARMS for the whole or part of the State. Copies of the Forms of Contracts for the Farms and full particulars of the conditions to be observed by tenders may be seen on application at the Office of the Government Secretary, Sandakan, and of Messrs. GUTHRIE & CO., Singapore and Penang, or of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Ltd., General Managers.

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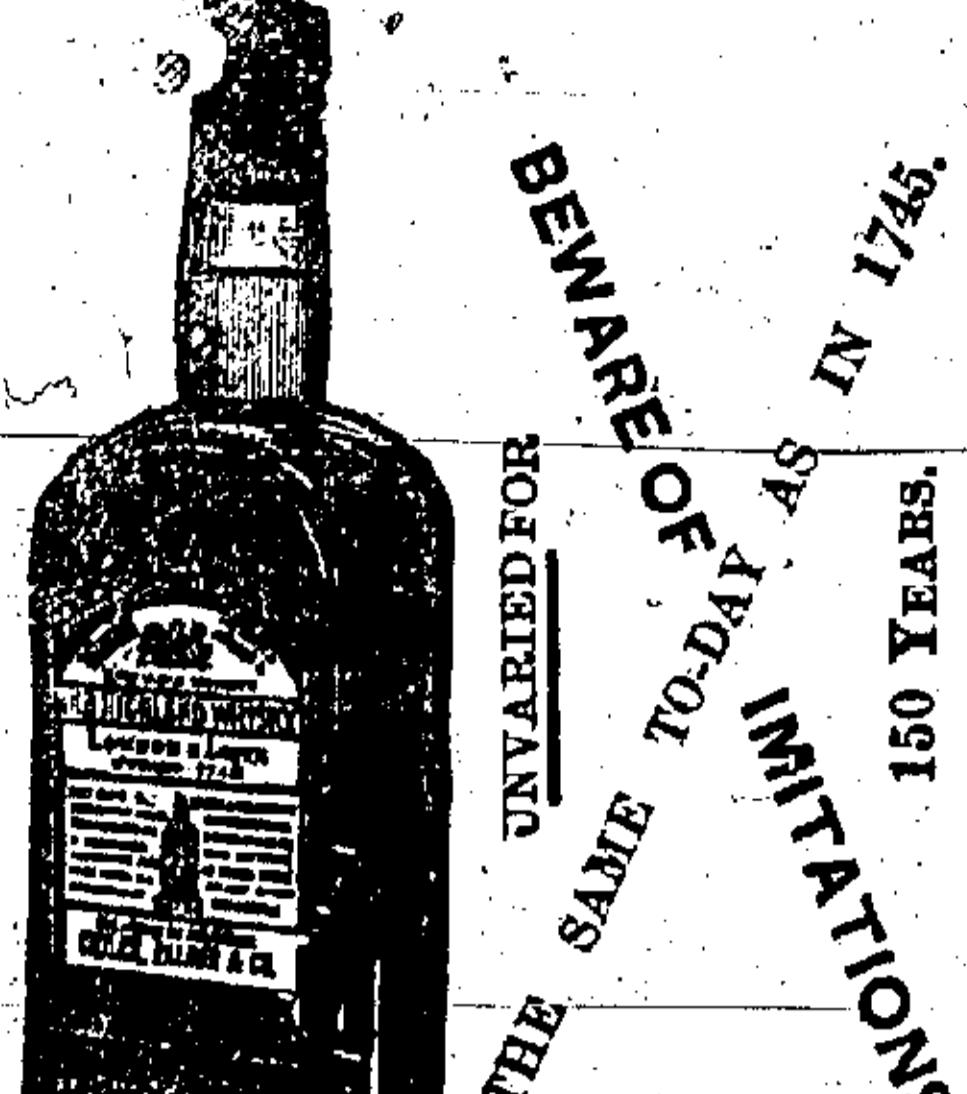
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SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
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FOR SALE.

VALUABLE PROPERTY on the middle avenue (Parker's Avenue), British Concession, Shamian, Canton. Present occupant's lease runs to end of 1910, and he would like to renew it if the purchaser does not want to occupy it. Particulars upon application.

Address: — S. E.,
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 1st August, 1910. [88]

ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORTS of the MEETINGS of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session 1909.

REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.

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DAILY PRESS OFFICE.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1910. [316]

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Apply — G. FENWICK & CO., LTD.,
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PRAYA EAST, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [84-168]

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HOOSAIN-ALI & CO.,
No. 14, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 18th July, 1910. [707]

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Inspection Invited.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1906. [545]

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CALIBRE 7.65 mm.
WITH CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.

SIEMSSON & CO.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [58]

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [58]

SIR W. PEARSON'S OIL FIGHT

VICTORY OVER STANDARD OIL TRUST.

Behind the alleged "shadowing" of Sir Wootman Pearson and his business associates of the Mexican Eagle Oil Company in New York, lies one of those stories of conflict in the business world which prove that romance has not yet been killed by commerce.

Sir Wootman Pearson has been doggedly fighting for the past two years the great Standard Oil Trust of the United States for the right to develop and sell petroleum oil in Mexico. The fight is now practically over. Sir Wootman Pearson has established his company as a paying concern and refused to amalgamate his interests with those of the Standard Oil Trust or its subsidiary, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Mexico.

It was as a contractor for Government railways and works that Sir Wootman Pearson first went to Mexico. So thoroughly and well did he build his lines and harbours that President Diaz and the Mexicans could not say too much in praise of the British contractor. After a tour of the system in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec the President said: "Portions of this isthmus have been literally re-made. Flourishing new towns, with pretty and comfortable dwellings, and contented inhabitants, owe their existence to the energy and pluck of Sir Wootman Pearson, whose name will endure and be held in honour in this historic region of Mexico long after the eighty-pound rails over which our party had glided so smoothly and comfortably have become corroded by age."

Four or five years ago Sir Wootman Pearson became interested in the oil-fields of Mexico, acquiring the right to prospect over a large area and securing leases of known oil-bearing properties. At first the Standard Oil Company, which had the virtual monopoly of oil in Mexico, looked with disdain upon the rival concern. Then the Pearson group struck the great Dos Bocas gusher, which spouted its 300,000 barrels a day, proved uncontrollable, caught fire, 1,000,000 tons of oil being consumed. The loss was considerable, but not disheartening. It proved that the Pearson group had at least a right to say that oil could be found on its lands. Following the Dos Bocas fire other wells were discovered, and eventually the group secured the exclusive right to prospect over 70,000 square miles of national territory and the leases of 200,000 acres of proved oil property in the State of Vera Cruz.

The effect of this successful consolidation of interests and exploitation of new sources of supply was soon felt by the Standard Oil Company, which found itself not only deprived of its monopoly, but even of its oil supplies for its refineries. So hot did the fight now become that the Standard Oil Trust paid a tax of \$16 (£3 4s.) per barrel upon immense quantities of oil rather than allow the Pearson group to sell it at its own price.

From Mexico the fight was transferred to the United States, the Standard Oil Trust believing that Sir Wootman Pearson intended to obtain capital there for the continuance of the fight and the further development of the Mexican business.

There has been an echo of the fight in this country in advertisements and articles which were published in the early part of the year. To-day the fight would appear to be almost over, though he would be a rash man who predicted that the Standard Oil Trust had actually fired its last shot.—London Daily Mail.

AN EMPIRE OF MARKSMEN.

The enthusiasm which has been aroused by The Daily Mail Empire Day Rifle Contest, founded in 1908, has been of such a widespread nature that, at the request of Lord Roberts, the proprietors of that journal have decided to inaugurate a competition for the miniature rifle clubs of the British Empire.

The Daily Mail Miniature Rifle Clubs' Contest will be open to any team of ten from any miniature rifle club in the British Empire affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, 11, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., and will be shot on Lord Roberts' birthday, September 30, each year.

LORD ROBERTS' APPEAL.

The following is the appeal which Lord Roberts addressed to the miniature rifle clubs in His Majesty's dominions:

I am most anxious that every man and youth belonging to the Empire shall attain a thorough knowledge of rifle shooting, and the best means of doing so is to begin with the miniature rifle. Some of the most famous shots of to-day began in this manner, and I feel sure that if the movement became more general the day would not be far distant when His Majesty the King would reign over an Empire of marksmen.

At present there are affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs over 2,000 clubs, representing a membership about 250,000. Great progress has been made since the formation of the society in 1903, but much still remains to be done.

As an incentive to further effort, The Daily Mail has kindly offered to present each year for competition a fifty guineas cup and silver commemorative medals, and I sincerely hope that every miniature rifle club at home and abroad which is affiliated or can be affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs will make a special effort to enter a representative team.

I would appeal to the editors of the imperial Press to assist in this movement, and I would suggest that this can best be done by urging on their readers the great importance of rifle shooting and encouraging them to form miniature rifle clubs and affiliate themselves to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs in order that there may be one vast organisation entirely devoted to the welfare and development of this particular branch of rifle shooting, which is the easiest and cheapest form of bringing instructional facilities to the doors of the people.

(Signed) ROBERTS, F.M.

PRISE LIST FOR 1910.

To the team making the highest aggregate score, The Daily Mail Fifty Guineas Cup and silver commemorative medals.

To the team, other than the winning team, making the highest aggregate score, ten silver commemorative medals.

To the team making the second highest aggregate score, ten silver commemorative medals.

To the overseas team, other than a winning team, making the highest aggregate score, ten silver commemorative medals.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* arrived at San Francisco on the 6th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Palma* is expected to arrive at Penang on the 21st inst. at noon.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Waldemar* left Kobe on the 7th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 13th instant a.m.

The M.M. str. *Ville de la Ciotat*, with the French Mail of the 17th ultmo, and mails from London of the 16th ultmo, left Singapore on the 7th instant, at 5 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on Monday morning, the 13th inst.

CROWN, PRINCE AND TRAMP

A COURTEOUS ACTION.

The Crown Prince Wilhelm, says a Berlin correspondent, has his own way of dealing with the Socialistic danger, which may some day prove to be the right one. Coming back to the capital from Luebeck by motor car, he overtook a wandering joiner, who was trudging wearily along the highway, with his tools in a bundle on his back. The Prince stopped his car, and asked the man if he would like a lift. Naturally a little bit taken aback, the latter hesitated for a moment. A dusky tramp is not every day invited to take his seat among half-a-dozen scrupulously-attired officers. To reassure him, the Prince asked to what part of the country he belonged.

"Berlin," was the reply.

"Oh!" retorted the Prince, "then we are fellow-townsmen, and you must certainly let me give you a lift." So the worn traveller was half-forced, half-cajoled, in entering the car and sitting down by the side of one of the aides-de-camp. During the remainder of the journey the Prince conversed in a most kindly spirit with his passenger, into whose hand he pressed a gold piece when, at the man's own request, he set him down in the suburb of Schoneberg, on the outskirts of Berlin.

Whether such actions, of which many are already on record, are the result of spontaneous warmth of nature, or of shrewd deliberation, or, as seems most likely, of a mixture of both, they are massing up for the Crown Prince a treasure of Democratic popularity which may one day be a potent and valuable force in German politics.

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SHEWAN, TOMEY & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1910. [783]

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer.

"DEVANHA"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained at the Goods

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From London, &c. ex ss. "Mores."

From Australia ex ss. "Macdonald."

From Calcutta, or ss. "Natur."

From Persian Gulf, or ss. "B. I. S. N."

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TODAY
Noon—Eighty-Eighth Ordinary Half-Yearly
Meeting of Hongkong, Canton and Macao
Steamboat Co., Ltd.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, 11th August—Auction of Valuable
Household Property at Sale Room, by
Mr. Geo. P. Lammet, 3 P.M.
Friday, 12th August—Auction of Valuable
Household Property at Sale Room, by
Mr. Geo. P. Lammet, 3 P.M.
Saturday, 13th August—Extra Meeting of the
Hongkong Yachtman Club, at Happy
Valley, 3.30 P.M.
Monday, 15th August—Auction of Crown Land
at Public Works Dept., 3 P.M.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 16th and 17th Aug.—
Auction of Naval and Victualling Stores,
at H.M. Naval Establishments.
Hughes & Hough, 10 A.M.
Saturday, 20th August—Ordinary Half-Yearly
Meeting of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking
Corporation, at City Hall, Noon.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
CATHERINE APCAR, British str., 1,730, G. F.
Hudson, 8th August—Calcutta, Penang
and Singapore 23rd July, General—David
Sassoon & Co.
CHINHUA, British str., 2,000, A. S. Harris,
8th Aug.—Shanghai 4th Aug., General—
Butterfield & Swire.
CHIQUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 7th
August—Shanghai 4th August, General—
C. M. S. N. Co.
CHOSHUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,301, T. Yama-
uchi, 8th August—Shanghai 2nd August,
General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
CHOWWA, German str., 1,055, F. Schnitze, 7th
August—Bangkok 1st August, Timber and
Rice—Norddeutscher Lloyd.
ESANG, British str., 1,127, Meyrick, 7th Aug.—
Nowchong, 31st July and Chefoo 1st
Aug., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LANDPAT SCHIFF, German str., 1,012, A.
Struve, 7th Aug.—Bangkok and Swatow
6th August, Rice—Sassoon & Co.
OANPA, British str., 5,810, W. Cope Lycott,
8th August—Victoria, B. C., 13th July,
General—Butterfield & Swire.
PITSAULOK, German str., 1,223, D. Reimer,
8th August—Swatow 7th August, Rice—
Butterfield & Swire.
RUBI, British str., 1,619, G. Rodger, 8th
August—Manila 6th August, General—
Shewan, Tomes & Co.
SIEZA, German str., 2,255, Faas, 8th Aug.—
Singapore 3rd Aug., General—Hamburg
America Line.
WAHABA MARU, Japanese str., 3,884, N. Nielsen,
8th August—Shanghai 4th Aug., General—
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YUENHANG, British str., 1,123, P. H. Rolfe,
8th August—Manila 6th August, General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
8th August.
Chongshang, British str., for Canton.
Haitian, British str., for Swatow.
Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian str., for Moji.
Phranang, German str., for Bangkok.
Shansi, Chinese str., for Canton.
Tingpan, British str., for Saigon.
Wakasa Maru, Jap. str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

8th August.
CARIBBEAN SHIRE, British str., for Shanghai.
CHINHUA, British str., for Canton.
CHIQUEN, Chinese str., for Canton.
TIUBODAS, Dutch str., for Amoy.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Oecean*, carrying the German
Mail with dates from Berlin of the 13th ult.,
left Singapore on the 5th instant, at 8 p.m., and
may be expected here to-day at 10 p.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. *Fookong* left Calcutta
for the Straits and Hongkong on the 30th ult.,
and is due here on or about the 15th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of China* left
Vancouver on the 27th ultimo p.m. for Hong-
kong via the usual ports of call.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. *Ching Maru*, from San
Francisco, will leave Yokohama en route to
Hongkong on the 8th inst., and will arrive on
the 19th inst.

The P.M. str. *Asia* sailed from San Francisco
on the 26th ult. for Hongkong, via Honolulu,
Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and
is due to arrive at this port on the 23rd inst.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The Eng. Yok Fong S.S. Co.'s str. *Peru* sailed
from Moji on the 5th inst., and is due
here-to-day at 10 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Kiel* left Shanghai on the
6th instant at 7 p.m., and may be expected here
to-day at 6 a.m.

The H.A. Linie str. *Sigovia* left Shanghai
on the 6th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected
here-to-day p.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Pera* left Singa-
pore for this port on the 6th inst., at 10 a.m.,
and is due here-to-morrow at about 9 a.m.

The Mogul Line str. *Lothian* left United
Kingdom on the 10th ultimo for Hongkong
via Straits.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* from South
American and Mexican ports, arrived at Yoko-
hama on the 25th ultimo, and is due to arrive
here on or about the 16th instant.

The Bank Line Ltd.'s str. *Sucette* left Van-
couver, B.C., on the 3rd instant, and is due at
Yokohama on the 23rd inst.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Choshun Maru, from Shanghai, Mr. F.
C. H. Shaw.
Per Yuchang, from Manila, Messrs. J. L.
Davis and J. R. Murphy.

Per Catherine APCAR, from Calcutta, &c.,
Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Newton.

Per Rubi, from Manila, Mr. C. S. Salmon,
Mr. D. Whinnett, Mr. W. M. Greely, Mr. and
Mrs. Ally, Captain S. D. Roanback, Mr. Stewart
Jain, Mr. T. C. Anderson, Mr. W. R.
Stewart, Mr. C. Kingcombe, Mr. D. Birkett,
Mr. F. Morgan, Mr. C. S. Weight, Mr. J. Yetch,
Mr. E. T. Miller, Mr. F. Koenemann, Lieut.
C. A. Litaut, Senior Dopez, Mr. Paul Dusha,
Mr. E. Escabe, and Mr. Greaten.

Per Manchuria, from San Francisco, &c., Dr.
G. B. Angle, Miss G. E. Armstrong, Miss F.
E. Beasley, Mr. Law Brooks, Mr. M. T. Clegg,
Mr. M. S. Daniels, Miss Mary P. Daniels, Mr.
J. E. Danbanspeck, Mr. H. F. Deniston, Mr.
and Mrs. D. Donisthorpe, Mr. F. Edwards, Miss
M. A. French, Miss R. Kairin, Mr. W. H.
Lingo, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dorwin, Miss H. L.
Emerson, Captain H. S. Smith, Mr. King F.
Kwan, Mr. D. W. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. D. Q.
McComb, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. McDaniels and
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Miss C. Verdyer, Mr. F. S. Minott and servant,
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Mr. E. C. Perry, Mr. J. McDowell and Mr. C.
Ebburn.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commanding from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & BIG.	BRIT.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	To-morrow.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANIA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Muller	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Sept.
COPENHAGEN & ST. PETERSBURG	INDIEN	Dan. str.	—	v. Dohren	MELCHERS & CO.	End of Aug.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. ser.	k. w.	Poer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Faas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SPESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bruno	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 10th Sept.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	POLYNESIEN	Fren. str.	k. w.	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUHATA MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	Bahlo	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAZONIA	Ger. str.	—	O. Pahuk	MELCHERS & CO.	On 14th Sept., at D'light
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	Lorenzon	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 27th inst., P.M.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BEDHILL	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPERESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 27th inst., at 6 P.M.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	F. Iske	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	MELCHERS & CO.	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
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The *Ville de la Cidat*, with the French mail of the 15th July, left Singapore on Sunday, the 7th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 14th inst., p.m.

FOR	PER	DATE.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haltan	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Phrahang	9th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Hakodate, San Francisco and Portland	Henrik Ibsen	9th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	9th, 1.15 P.M.
Shan-hai, Kobe and Moji	A. Apcar	9th, 2.00 P.M.
Maila	Tamang	9th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Kiukang	9th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Meefoo	9th, 3.00 P.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halfong	Michael Jensen	Wednesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haimun	Wednesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Kelung, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Tacobu	Chicago Maru	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 A.M.
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Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Spesia	Wednesday, 10th.
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Letters	11.00 A.M.	
Timahki	Wednesday, 10th, NOON.	
Sui Tai	Wednesday, 10th, 1.15 P.M.	
Antilochus	Wednesday, 10th, 2.00 P.M.	
Nanchang	Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.	
Choyoung	Thursday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.	
Sui Tai	Thursday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.	
Chinhua	Thursday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.	
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Tymahki	Friday, 12th, 11.00 A.M.	
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Sui Tai	Friday, 12th, 1.15 P.M.	
Yunesang	Friday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.	
Rubi	Saturday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.	
Ewang	Saturday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.	
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Timahki	
Macao	Sui Tai	
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Shanghai	Choyoung	
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Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Java	
Macao	Sui Tai	
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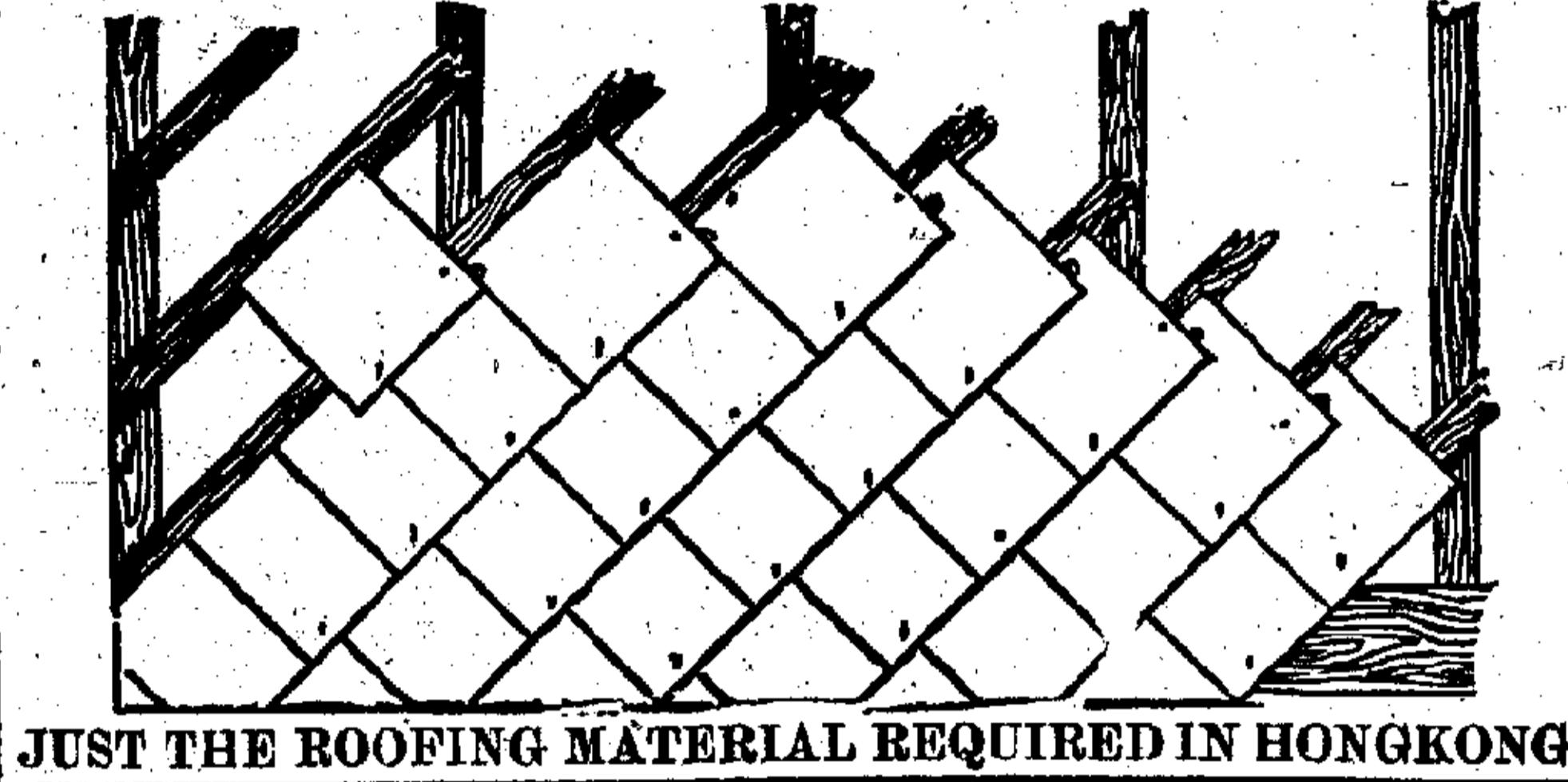
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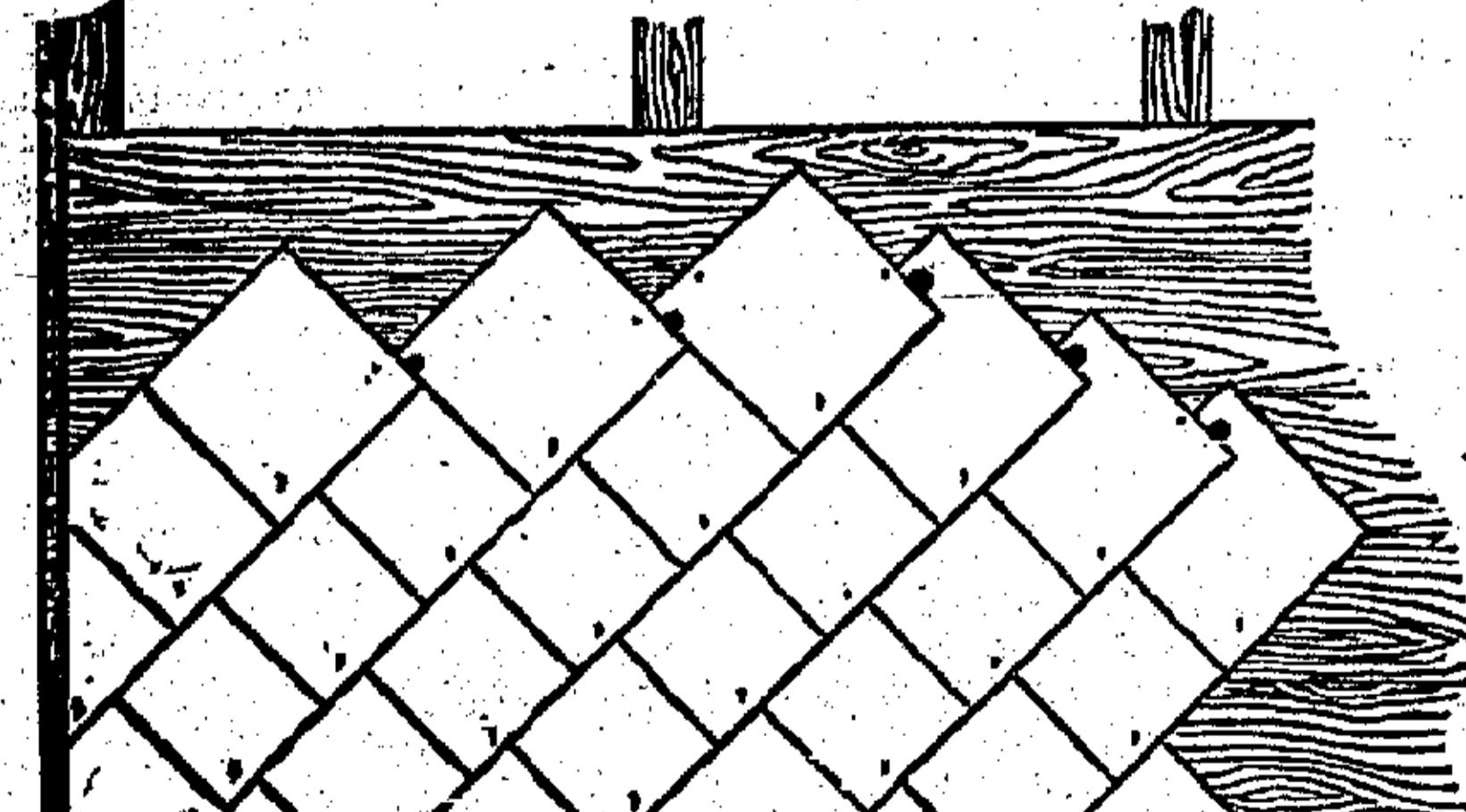
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